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ELLSWORTH AFB, S.D. – A historic attraction has been scheduled for the list of static displays during Dakota Thunder 2009.

A Pilatus P-3 will be on hand and available for public viewing during the airshow. There were only 79 Pilatus P-3's built, which makes for a rare opportunity for the general public to see one up close.

These aircraft originated in Switzerland and were used for primary and advanced training.

The first Pilatus P-3 prototype flew in September 1953. The primary users of this airplane were the Swiss Air Force and Brazilian Navy.

Ellsworth's gates are scheduled to open to the public 8 a.m., May 30 - 31. Admission and parking are free.

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